

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A cleaning system, comprising:

- (a) a bucket, wherein the bucket further comprises a closed bottom portion and an open top portion; and
- (b) a removable bucket insert, wherein the bucket insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:

- (i) at least one filter; wherein the filter further comprises:

- a) an upward facing side and a downward facing side; and
 - b) a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars, and wherein the openings pass completely through the filter; and

- (ii) a support means;

- a) wherein the support means elevates the filter above the bottom of the bucket;
 - b) wherein the support means further comprises at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; and
 - c) wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to the filter.

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): The cleaning system of claim 21, wherein the particulate matter passes through the filter when the cleaning implement is placed in the fluid; wherein the baffles reduce the motion of the fluid in the bottom of the bucket; and wherein a portion of the particulate matter is retained in the bucket below the filter when the bucket insert is in use.

Claim 23-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (previously presented): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A cleaning device, comprising:

(a) a removable insert for use in a bucket having a closed bottom portion and an open top portion, wherein the insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:

(i) at least one filter; wherein the filter further comprises: an upward facing side and a downward facing side; a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars, and wherein the openings pass completely through the filter; and

(ii) at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; wherein the baffles elevate the filter above the bottom of the bucket; and wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter substantially at right angles to the filter.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (previously presented): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A cleaning method, comprising:

- (a) providing an item to be cleaned, wherein the item to be cleaned further comprises removable particulate matter;
- (b) providing a cleaning implement for removing the particulate matter from the item;
- (c) providing a bucket for receiving the cleaning implement, wherein the bucket further comprises a closed bottom portion and an open top portion;
- (d) filling the bucket with a volume of cleaning fluid;
- (e) placing a removable insert into the bucket, wherein the bucket insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:
 - (i) a filter; wherein the filter further comprises:
 - a) an upward facing side and a downward facing side; and
 - b) a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars; and
 - (ii) a support means;
 - a) wherein the support means elevates the filter above the bottom of the bucket;
 - b) wherein the support means further comprises at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; and
 - c) wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to the filter; and
- (f) using the cleaning implement to remove the particulate matter from the item;
- (g) rinsing the cleaning implement in the fluid; and
- (h) wherein the particulate matter passes through the filter when the cleaning implement is rinsed in the fluid; wherein the baffles reduce the motion of the fluid in the bottom of the bucket; and wherein a portion of the particulate matter is retained in the bucket below the filter.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the item to be cleaned is a vehicle.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the cleaning implement is at least one of a rag and a mitt.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.